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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIO INFORMATION -- AMB. CHARLES KERREMANS

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1. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY'S FILES KERREMANS BEGAN SERVICE AS STAGIARE FOR MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ON 1941. AFTER JOINING FOREIGN SERVICE, SERVED IN CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION 1946-1948. BECAME SECOND SECRETARY IN 1948, FIRST SECRETARY IN 1952, COUNSELOR IN 1959, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY IN 1961.
2. KERREMANS HAS BEEN AWARDED NUMEROUS HONORS FROM THE BELGIAN AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. NAMED COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF LEOPOLD IN 1975.
3. KERREMANS DEPARTED KINSHASA UNDER UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES, APPARENTLY NOT OF HIS OWN MAKING. AS BELGIAN SOURCES TELL STORY, BISENGIMANA, NUMBER TWO MAN IN GOZ, DEVELOPED ANIMUS AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF IMAGINED SLIGHTS. GRADUALLY, KERREMANS FOUND HIS ACCESS TO GOZ OFFICIALS CUT OFF, ALLEGEDLY IN RESPONSE TO BISENGIMANA'S DISPLEASURE WITH HIM. KERREMANS WAS NOT PURGED AS SUCH, BUT THE GOB WAS ASKED TO WITHDRAW HIM.
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